

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JULIA CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 11, 2000

Ms. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent Friday, October 6, 2000, and Tuesday, October 10, 2000, and as a result, missed rollcall votes 514 through 521. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote 514, "no" on rollcall vote 515, "yes" on rollcall vote 516, "no" on rollcall vote 517, "yes" on rollcall vote 518, "no" on rollcall vote 519, "yes" on rollcall vote 520, and "yes" on rollcall vote 521.

TRIBUTE TO HANNA RUBBER COMPANY

HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 11, 2000

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to one of Kansas City, Missouri's most successful companies. This year the Hanna Rubber Company will celebrate 75 years as one of the nation's leading distributors of quality industrial rubber products and as a corporate leader in our community.

In 1925, after their service in World War I, brothers J.C. and R.J. Hanna returned home to Kansas City, Missouri. Together the two brothers pooled their savings to form a partnership and a business they named Hanna Rubber Company. The Hanna brothers began their new business to fulfill the demand for fast service on select industrial rubber products. J.C. Hanna, now deceased, once reflected on those days when "we only had one desk, answered the phone ourselves, and R.J. would make up the orders, and I would hop the street cars to make the deliveries."

Today James B. Vandergrift, President of Hanna Rubber Company, is in charge of the operations and success of the Hanna Rubber Company. Under James Vandergrift's tenure with Hanna, he has been responsible for raising the company from the ashes of almost a decade ago when the company's headquarters suffered a three-alarm blaze that left little but a few company records kept in a fireproof safe. On the very same day of this devastating event, Mr. Vandergrift installed phone lines in the basement of his home and with the help of his staff he was able to keep the company's operations going throughout this ordeal. Due to the extreme damage the facilities suffered, one week later the company would say goodbye to its historic headquarters on Main Street and move into its current offices a few blocks away. The new location would prove to be a blessing in disguise for the company as it provided more space, enabling Hanna Rubber to add new product lines to in turn increase its customer base.

Hanna Rubber has experienced tremendous success since the devastating fire in 1991. In 1999 the company had \$8 million dollars in sales, with this year's sales projected to reach \$10 million. The company now encompasses

a large regional, national, and international customer base which includes clients such as: Hallmark Cards, General Motors, Ford Motor Company, and Trans World Airlines. During recent debates in Congress on trade policy, I was proud to use Hanna Rubber Company as an example of a Midwestern company that has benefited from progressive trade policy initiatives. Hanna Rubber Company's prosperity can be attributed to their standard of excellence in the service they provide their customers, employees, and suppliers. James Vandergrift truly believes that the cultivation of positive people relationships at Hanna Rubber Company has been a key to their past accomplishments and future ambitions.

The founding spirit of the Hanna Brothers continues on today in the hearts and minds of Hanna Rubber Company employees who are dedicated to quality, service, long hours, hard work, and commitment to excellence. Mr. Speaker, please join me in saluting the Hanna Rubber Company for 75 years of service to our community and the world market.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. LONNIE THOMPSON

HON. JOHN M. SPRATT, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, my colleague, Mr. CLYBURN and I rise today to take a moment and recognize Mr. Lonnie Thompson, President of SOPAKCO of Mullins, SC, which has facilities in each of our congressional districts.

Mr. Thompson was recently presented the Colonel Merton Singer Award for outstanding contributions to the Department of Defense. The Colonel Singer Award is the Research & Development Associates for Military Food & Packaging Systems, Inc. (R&DA) most prestigious award for industry. He was selected for this award based on his significant accomplishments in the area of supporting U.S. forces in all locations throughout the world. He has led his company to improve the quality and contents of Meals Ready to Eat (MRE), Unitized Group Rations, and other specialized rations. His leadership has placed SOPAKCO into the forefront of supporting military forces.

SOPAKCO was founded in 1943 to package military rations for Allied troops during World War II. Today, SOPAKCO's Packaging division serves military, humanitarian and non-military organizations around the world. SOPAKCO Packaging maintains and operates a packaging plant in Mullins, South Carolina, and a food processing facility in Bennettsville, South Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, Lonnie Thompson's accomplishments are of the highest order and support the needs of the Department of Defense for today and tomorrow. Mr. Thompson's leadership and commitment is what we recognize and honor today.

RECOGNITION OF BILL CHENEY, NEWLY ELECTED DIRECTOR ON THE BOARD OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL CREDIT UNIONS

HON. HENRY BONILLA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BONILLA. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Bill Cheney, the President and CEO of Xerox Federal Credit Union, headquartered in El Segundo, California, for his recent election to the board of the National Association of Federal Credit Unions (NAFCU). I have had the pleasure of knowing Bill for over 16 years, many of which he spent in my congressional district at Security Service Federal Credit Union in San Antonio, Texas. During that time, we spent many years working together on issues that affect the citizens of the 23rd Congressional District of Texas. Bill also shares my life-long commitment to supporting all athletes at the University of Texas at Austin.

Even though Bill left San Antonio to become President and CEO at Xerox Federal Credit Union, he continues to keep me updated on credit union views. He even makes it back to Texas from time to time to visit Xerox Federal Credit Union offices. Xerox Federal Credit Union, which has over 73,000 members, serves employees of Xerox Corporation and related companies nationwide through 16 credit union offices in 9 states including California, New York, Illinois, and Texas.

His election to the NAFCU board culminates 15 years of dedicated work in the credit union industry. I congratulate my friend Bill Cheney on his recent election to the NAFCU Board and look forward to continuing to work with him and America's credit unions. I know Bill will be an outstanding voice for credit unions everywhere.

SUPREME COURT SECURITY ACT OF 2000

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 10, 2000

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, as indicated by my colleague, H.R. 5136 would make permanent the authority of the U.S. Supreme Court Police to provide security for its Justices, Court employees, and official visitors on and off the Supreme Court grounds. The U.S. Supreme Court Police were first authorized by Congress to carry firearms and protect court personnel and visitors outside Supreme Court grounds in 1982. The statutory authorization was scheduled to terminate on December 29, 1985. In December 1985, the Congress extended such authorization and has done so five additional times in the subsequent years. The last extension occurred in October 1996, and is set to expire December 29, 2000.

It is clear that the security concerns which gave rise to the original authorization, including threats of violence against the Justices